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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

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FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR VOTE FOR JAMES P. TALIAFERRO

WHOSE NAME IS COMMONLY PRO-

NOUNCED AS IF IT WAS

SPELLED

"TOLIVER."

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

We have reached a crisis in the history of the democratic party.

Its destiny now hangs as fatefully in the balance as it did just before and after the assembling of the Charleston convention.

It hangs as fatefully as it did when it was compelled to go into the ranks of the republican party in search for a candidate.

It hangs as fatefully as it did when Senator Vest announced to President Cleveland from his seat in the United States senate that the two wings of the party had come to the "parting of the ways" and which announcement culminated in the nomination of William J. Bryan for president at Chicago and John M. Palmer at Indianapolis.

These serious disasters that have overtaken the party have resulted almost in the entire political elimination of the south as an integral part of the Federal union.

Examine our political history and it will be found that the south has not had a representative in the cabinet of any republican president since the days of Grant.

As a political section it has been erased from the map.

In appointing federal office holders in the south, both great and small, the president does not consult the senators from the respective southern states as he is required to do by the constitution but all these appointments

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ments are made at the suggestion of irresponsible persons and our representatives in congress are treated as mere figureheads.

When President Cleveland occupied the executive chair a different system prevailed and the south was recognized as a part of the political household; Carlisle, Garland, Lamar, Smith and others occupied seats in the cabinet and places on the supreme bench and were sent to represent this government as ministers and plenipotentiaries to foreign lands.

To end the policy of sectionalism now rampant under Mr. Roosevelt the democratic party must be restored to power and this can only be done by its loyal members agreeing upon a policy that will harmonize and unify its warring factions.

As long as the members of the party stand ready to subordinate its success to the success of individuals a party victory is impossible.

Individual preferences must give way and each member be willing to make concessions, consecrating himself to the task of making the success of the party the paramount and only issue.

It is too critical a time in the history of the party to hamper the delegates to the St. Louis convention with iron bound instructions.

It should not be done.

"Carthage must be destroyed," was for a long time the slogan in Roman history and to this one idea everything else was subordinated.

The democratic party should adopt the Roman purpose and have for its motto the following:

"The republican party must be destroyed," and to that end individual preferences should be set aside and the unification of the party be the one desire and the one purpose of every loyal democrat.

POLITICAL BUSHWHACKING.

It is amusing at first, but it soon becomes disgusting, to hear such fellows as Wilson, Harris, Appleyard, Caldwell, McCreary and others of their kind, talking about "the respectable methods of J. M. Barrs." It is enough to make those who really know these fellows wonder why they are permitted to run at large and annoy decent men.—Gainesville Star.

So far as the Ocala Banner is concerned it is not in Mr. Barrs' district and has had no occasion to say anything about him one way or another.

Indeed, the Ocala Banner has endeavored to conduct the campaign decently and on a plane somewhat elevating.

Search its files and on no occasion can it be found where it has lost its head, forgot its manners, indulged in abuse, billingsgate and vilification, or made a single statement repugnant to heightened journalism or unsustained by facts.

The Ocala Banner has not even printed an offensive cartoon or spoken of a single candidate in language not warranted by the rules of politeness and parliamentary law.

Seeking no office, asking for no public favors, offending in no precedent established by party platform or usage, upholding indeed, as far as it has been able, the principles and dignity of its party, yet it has been the object of very coarse and vulgar abuse both in cartoons and in language, a sample of which is given above.

It occurs to it that a cause is weak and waning that feels compelled to resort to this sort of illegitimate campaigning.

Though unholy and unrighteous there is such a thing as a certain kind of warfare that is pronounced legitimate, but bushwhacking is not so recognized in any part of the civilized world.

Without arguments or facts to justify their statements, the newspapers that join in the abuse of the Ocala Banner and the candidates it favors, are lowering the campaign from the high plane of polite journalism to the low plane of bushwhacking.

The proposition to link the waters of the raging Withlacoochee with the stream as a source of power, is certainly an interesting one. The scheme has already been pronounced feasible by the engineers who have looked into the matter, and future developments along this line will be awaited with interest throughout the state.—Times-Union.

SENATOR TALIAFERRO'S PROSPECTS

As the campaign advances it becomes more and more apparent that Senator Taliaferro will be his own successor, and some conservative men, familiar with state politics, even go so far as to predict his nomination in the first primary.

The democrats of Florida love fair play even in matters political. They are waking up to the fact that their junior senator has been unjustly charged, even maligned, by men whose sole object is to succeed him, and they are preparing to resent this unjust treatment at the primary ballot box.

This is not the paid for opinion of a subsidized newspaper, but it is the simple voicing of an opinion that every wide awake citizen knows is being quietly passed from one man to his neighbor, from city to city, town to town, and county to county, all over the length and breadth of Florida.

That kind of an opinion is the greatest manufacturer of votes known to the political world.

It is an opinion that counts for much in a citizenship so closely knit as is the democracy of Florida.

The principal charge brought against Senator Taliaferro is that he is the friend of corporations—the corporation's candidate.

But what a mainly way the senator has of meeting that charge.

He points to his record in the senate and says in substance:

If my opponents will point to one single instance in my senatorial career where my vote has not been recorded in favor of the people and against special privileges I will retire from the race.

It has been the uninterrupted custom of democratic Florida to give her senators at least two terms. This custom will not be broken in the case of Senator Taliaferro, who has been a faithful servant of the state; whose record is without a blemish, and during whose five years in office more in substantial benefits has come to Florida from the general government than in any previous twenty years.

The love of justice and fair play which has its abiding place in the breasts of Florida democrats is even now at work rebuking this spirit of demagoguery, which alone seeks the political undoing of Senator Taliaferro.—Palatka News.

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PROTECT THE NEGRO UNDER THE LAW.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

I am induced to write you another letter upon the subject of the one that I recently wrote under the heading: "Protect the Negro Under the Law."

from the fact that many of our white citizens have commended me for the views and the appeal for maintaining our white race civilization therein expressed. And for the further fact of the grateful acknowledgement made to me by prominent and worthy men of the negro race for the spirit of that letter, and the hopes they have therein. I was glad that you copied into your columns the resolutions of the Confederate Veterans at Memphis. Surely, surely that was the voice of the true Southern people, and a powerful demand for the maintenance of our civilization.

Whoshall contradict them? Who shall question their right to pass that judgment? They but show that they have a kindly memory for the faithful service and protection freely and courageously given by the negro race to the women and children of the south when the men of the south were far away fighting in a terrible war.

My purpose in discussing this question is only for good. Good for my race and people and good for the negro race. There is this paramount idea in this matter: Mutuality of domestic interests between the white people and the colored people of the south. And it seems to me that that is the only basis upon which to settle the race question.

Several great business men who employ large numbers of negro laborers have told me that my recent article is on the right line, and they said that convince the negro that the law's full protection is about him and it will give the south the best laboring class in the world; that the negro was our best defence for labor from every standpoint, and that we ought to show our appreciation of the fact by giving him full and adequate protection under the law. Certainly both the laws of God and those of civilized man give the right to the master to protect his servant. This right becomes a duty where wrongful and uncivilized force seeks a victim. For a longer time than any prophet now living can estimate the negro in the south will be its defence for labor and domestic service. Therefore let us not forget our humanity for the negro and our respect for our own Anglo-Saxon blood and spirit. The civilization that regards not, but neglects the absolute individual rights of its people is a civilization that is in decay.

In conclusion of this letter I wish to insert in it some extracts from a letter received by me from Rev. R. S. Quartermaster, pastor of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal church of Ocala, in which he expresses his satisfaction and that of his race for the kind words I have said for them. I believe he speaks the true sentiment of his best people when he says: "We are not asking for social equality and don't want it. We are for protection under the law as an American citizen. . . . We have scores of white friends all over this south land who stand where you stand. . . . There are no people in this country who know the negro as the Southern white men, and no one should be his friend as the southern white man. The feeling between the races in Ocala and Marion county have been good and will continue so, if the responsible white men will see to it that true and tried white men are placed in authority. Both races will be injured by bad men managing our affairs."

I have also received a letter from Booker T. Washington, a copy of which reads as follows:

Hotel Manhattan, New York City, (April 14, 1904.)

Hon. John G. Reardon, Ocala, Fla.

DEAR SIR—My attention has just been called to an article by you which appeared in the "Ocala Banner" of March 27th, under the heading, "Protect the Negro Under the Law," and I write to thank you for the frank and brave manner in which you discuss this question. I am the sentiments advocated by you were to become universally accepted in all parts of our country, in the north as well as in the south, they would save us much trouble and shame.

Very truly yours,

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

These letters evince an admirable spirit. The white people of the

south must meet all problems of humanity and justice in the spirit of reason and justice. They can do much for their own welfare, comfort and happiness by giving protection to the negro both before and after he gets into court.

JNO. G. REARDON.

Brother Godwin Should Examine His Lenses.

We must contend that in the writings of Brother Harris today—the men and measures he advocates at this time—we cannot recognize the "Ocala Editor" of a few years ago—Gainesville Star.

Brother Godwin should have heard Dr. Wharton's sermon at the Baptist church Tuesday night.

This eloquent preacher said that very frequently people who found fault with the Bible—or certain passages in it—were very frequently themselves wrong and looked at these passages from the wrong point of view. That the Bible was all right and every passage in it was susceptible to a plain interpretation.

To illustrate his meaning he said that once a party visited the University of Missouri and one of the ladies of the party took a peep through the telescope and vowed she saw an elephant walking across the face of the moon. The professor in charge of the huge instrument made an examination and discovered that the moon was all right but something was wrong with the telescope. It was discovered that in taking out the lenses to clean them a little mouse had got caught between them, which looked to the young lady like a veritable elephant walking across the moon.

The "Ocala Editor" is all right, but something has gone queerly wrong with Brother Godwin's lenses.

First Gun of the Local Campaign.

The first gun of the local campaign was fired at Eureka Saturday and the candidates report the occasion a most glorious one.

Instead of mud machines, pepper boxes and lean and lank bushwhacking, the candidates tossed beautiful bouquets and fragrant flowers at each other for which they received the most gracious smiles of the ladies and the hearty applause of the men.

The crowd was estimated at one hundred and fifty and there was dinner enough to have fed a regiment.

Chairman Holliday presided and did the honors most gracefully.

All the candidates for the legislature except Mr. Floyd; all the candidates for sheriff, and nearly all the other candidates were present and from 11 o'clock, a. m. until 4 o'clock, p. m., except for the intermission for dinner, eloquence, pure and limpid, flowed from the lips of the speakers in a manner so pleasing that it would have captivated an Athenian audience.

The delegates returned to Ocala about 8 o'clock delighted with the day's experience. Every candidate thinks he gained friends and won votes.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF FLORIDA'S JUNIOR SENATOR.

JAMES P. TALIAFERRO was born at Orange Court House, Virginia, September 30th, 1847, and spent his youth and young manhood in his native State.

He is a descendant of Robert Taliaferro, who came from England about the year 1650 and settled in Essex county, Virginia, and who was of the Blenheim branch of what has since become a numerous family. Mr. Taliaferro's father was Edmund Pendleton Taliaferro, a prominent physician of Orange county, who devoted his entire life to the duties of his profession in that vicinity.

Mr. Taliaferro was engaged in acquiring his education in the noted school of William Dinwiddie, at Greenwood, when the war between the States began, and left the school in 1864, when only 17 years of age, to enlist in the Confederate army, in which he served until the close of the war. Returning to his home after the surrender, he endeavored to resume and complete his studies, but the misfortunes of war had made such changes in the condition of the family that he decided to abandon his purpose and enter at once upon the responsibilities of manhood, in the hope of bettering his own fortunes as well as those of his family.

Removal to a more promising field than was then offered in his native State appeared to be imperative, and young Taliaferro came to Florida seeking such employment as might present itself, and finding it, as many another adventurous youth has done, at the very foot of the industrial ladder. Possessing no capital but health, hope and a sturdy determination to win which has ever since been one of his chief characteristics, he took service as a lumber marker in a sawmill—a common laborer, wearing the roughest of clothing and living on the coarsest of fare. He "graduated" thence into a Baker county logging camp, with little improvement in his condition; but after some years of faithful service for others, he began to look out for himself. Having become familiar with the lumber business "from the ground up," he addressed himself to the attainment of the high position therein which he soon achieved, and which proved to be the safe basis of his later success.

During the strenuous period of his growth as a man and a citizen, Mr. Taliaferro, while making no pretensions as a politician, became profoundly interested in the political events of the times, and passed through the trying scenes of the reconstruction period shoulder to shoulder with some of Florida's bravest and worthiest spirits, helping to bear the burdens of the trial of Democrats charged with violations of Republican election laws; and on one occasion was found in contempt for cheering in open court a verdict of acquittal in one of those trials. He served the Democracy with unwearied enthusiasm and rare fidelity, without a thought of personal reward, during the subsequent years of Democratic rule, and to such good purpose that he became the choice of his fellow Democrats as a member of the State Executive Committee, of which body he was the chairman for several years.

In 1871 Mr. Taliaferro was married to Miss Jessie Hardy, of Norfolk, Va., and establishing a home in the city of Jacksonville has ever since resided there. Success came to him as the due reward of intelligent effort and upright dealing with his fellow men, and honors sought him. He became president of the First National Bank of Tampa, a member of the Florida State Board of Health and vice president of the C. B. Rogers Co. Unspoiled by prosperity, he has lived a life of sobriety and self-control, never, for the past twenty-four years, having touched intoxicating liquors.

His election to the United States Senate in 1899 was an event of more than ordinary significance. In the place of exciting scenes of stubborn contest which had characterized similar previous occasions, there was a calm, quiet, yet determined concentration of political forces in his direction which resulted in his election, on the first ballot, taken separately in the respective houses of the Legislature, on the 18th of April, by a large majority, and the formal declaration of a like result on the following day. In the joint session, when he received 48 votes, a majority of 29 and a plurality of 22, of those present and voting.

Commenting upon the event the Times-Union and Citizen of April 20, uttered the following remarkable prophecy, which has been so remarkably fulfilled: "The whole past life of James P. Taliaferro stamps him as the antithesis of the demagogue—a man of action rather than speech, who will perform more than he dares to promise; fair to his foes, loyal to his friends, unmoved in defeat and equal in victory—a very rock in the time of trouble, but modest and quiet when success is assured. The service he has done left him with wide popularity because he is not a brass band campaigner; but the whole State will soon know this worthy son of Old Virginia, this citizen of Florida, as Duval County knows and honors and trusts him absolutely."

Death Sentence Commuted.

Boise, Idaho, April 13.—The state board of pardons last night commuted the sentence of George Levy to life imprisonment. He was to have been hanged on Friday for the murder of David Levy, in October, 1901. The feature of the application for clemency was a showing indicating that another man may have committed the deed.